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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The amendments are adopted. We're now debating the advancement of the bill. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. This is the result of about three years of work and I really appreciate the comments that Senator Chambers made because we will be monitoring the situation very closely. The five areas that the bill really addresses I'll just briefly go over: adds an exclusion from the act for any operation that has a work force of at least 80 percent who are 17 years old and younger; deletes the exclusion for employers with workers who are domiciled within 50 miles of work; requires the Department of Labor to set the license fee, not to exceed \$750; and requires the Department of Labor to investigate any contractor on whom the department has received a notice of noncompliance with the act; and also requires a bilingual employee if an employer has a work force of ten or more non-English speaking workers. And I ask for your support. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Heard the closing. The question before the body is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of the bill.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Bill advances. We next move to LB 931A. Senator Stuhr. Mr. Clerk, excuse me.

CLERK: LB 931A, Mr. President, by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The appropriation is for \$7,000 from the General Fund for 2000. In 2002 and 2003, actually, there's one cost that will not be considered and I believe that was about \$1,800. And then in 2003 and '04, the request is for \$5,200. And I do believe even those...these figures may be high. Thank you.